Unstarred Question No. 1844 answered on 12-8-1985. Whenever any instance of the bulk drug having been produced at a price less than the price allowed in the formulations comes into the notice of the Government, notices are issued to recover the difference in the Drug Prices Equalisation Account under Paragraph 7 of the Drug (Prices Control) Order, 1979. The process of recovery is on in accordance with due procedure of law. One of the masufacturer, namely M|s. Fulford India Ltd. have filed a Writ Petition in the Delhi High Court against the notice of recovery. The Writ Petition is yet to be admitted and the matter is now listed for hearing on 9th September, 1985.

Production of antiseptic drugs

2274. DR. JOSPH LEON D'SOUZA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 801 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 21st November, 1983 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Fairdeal Corporation and Astra-IDL did not include antiseptic preparations Itiol and Fairgenol in their applications submitted for permission under I(D&R) Act;

(b) if so, how the companies claimed approvals in the absence of specific mention of these items;

(c) whether Government have received explanations from them;

(d) if so, what are the main grounds of justification and what action was taken for violation of the rules/law;

(e) whether the investigation about the supply of these antiseptics to Government at much higher price than approved have been completed;

(f) if so, what is the outcome and what action was taken;

(g) whether it is a fact that these companies are marketing number of medicines without price approval;

(h) whether any verification was done; if so, the details thereof; and

(i) what are the names of the formulations marketed by the Companies and their approved and selling prices?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS' (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) to (i) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Manufacture of Bulk Drug by Multinationals

2275. DR. JOSEPH LEON D'SOUZA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s. Abbott and Pfizer are not manufacturing bulk drugs in regard to which the Delhi High Court quashed the price fixation order; issued by his Ministry;

(b) if so, what were the grounds for quashing the order;

(c) whether it is a fact that all the formulations are vitamin preparations;

(d) what is the composition and indication of each product;

(e) what was the sales turnover of each product during the last three years, year-wise, and what percentage the same bore to the total sales turnover;

(f) what was their total sales turnover, pre-tax profit net worth capital employed, ex-factory value of production of bulk drugs and formulations during the last three years, year-wise;

(g) whether it is a fact that these companies have overproduced vitamin preparations than their licensed capacity by installing unauthorised plant and machinery; and

((h) if so, what was their licensed capacity and production of each item taken into account while applying for reendorsement?